

## REMARKS

### STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10, 15-29, 33-43, 47, 48, and 51-56 are pending.

Claims 1-10, 15-29, 33-43, 47, 48, and 51-56 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Legall, et al. (WO Patent No. 98/43183) in view of Rahman (U.S. Patent No. 6,832,220). Rahman is newly cited, and, thus, newly relied upon.

Independent claims 1, 15, 21, 34, 35, 48 and 51-56 are amended, and, thus, claims 1-10, 15-29, 33-43, 47, 48, and 51-56 remain pending for reconsideration, which is respectfully requested.

No new matter has been added in this Amendment.

### REJECTION

The Office Action acknowledges in page 5 that Legall does not specifically teach "file identifier" of the claimed present invention. So the Office Action newly relies on Rahman.

The Office Action relies on Rahman's descriptions of "file identifier" in col. 1 lines 62-66, col. 2 lines 57-62, col. 3 lines 57-64, col. 4 lines 18-27. Namely, in the embodiment of Rahman, it is disclosed that URL (uniform resource locator) is used as a file identifier. However, in contrast to Rahman, the claimed present invention provides that a file identifier is information that specifies data type (image data, voice or sound data, moving image data, text data, or any combinations of these kinds of data). Accordingly, independent claims 1, 15, 21, 34, 35, 48, and 51-56, using claim 1 as an example, are amended to provide,

a control unit comprising a locating information identifying unit searching information specifying a data store destination storing locating information for locating where data exists; a searching unit searching said locating information in said data store destination; an extracting unit ***extracting a file identifier indicating one of a plurality of categories of data*** in a data file containing the data located by said locating information; and a judging unit judging whether the data located by the locating information comes under a predetermined category ***based on said file identifier indicating one of a plurality of categories of data*** in said data file containing the data,

wherein said storage unit, when the data is judged to come under the predetermined category, stores the locating information to collect pieces of locating information for locating where the data

exist.

Support for the claim amendments can be found, for example, on page 18, line 9 to page 19, line 6 of the present Application. Therefore, "file identifier" in Rahman which is illustrated as URL in the embodiment of Rahman can correspond to the claimed present invention's, "locating information." In other words, Rahman uses its "file identifier" to locate a file, whereas, the claimed present invention uses the "file identifier" to identify a data category. Thus, Rahman's "file identifier" fails to correspond to the claimed present invention's, "an extracting unit **extracting a file identifier indicating one of a plurality of categories of data** in a data file containing the data located by said locating information; and a judging unit judging whether the data located by the locating information comes under a predetermined category **based on said file identifier indicating one of a plurality of categories of data** in said data file containing the data" (e.g., claim 1, emphasis added).


In view of the claim amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the rejection of pending claims and allowance of pending claims is respectfully requested.

#### **CONCLUSION**

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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